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United Nations University

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the United Nations University, including resolution 59/253 of 22 December 2004,

Having considered the report of the Council of the United Nations University, as presented by the Rector of the University on 14 November 2006,[1]

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the United Nations University and its research and training centres and programmes for their continuing efforts to generate and share knowledge to address the pressing global problems of human survival, development and welfare as set out in the Charter of the University, and requests the University to intensify these efforts;

2. *Expresses its deep appreciation* to Japan and the other host countries of the University and its research and training centres and programmes, and to public and private entities for the financial, intellectual and other contributions that have been made available for the work of the University;

3. *Encourages* the University to intensify its communication and dialogue with Member States, including in particular its host countries, and educational networks to increase their awareness and understanding of its work which is essential for strengthening the relevance and outreach of the University and in this regard notes with satisfaction the increased level of communication and cooperation between the University and the Permanent Missions to the United Nations, the United Nations Secretariat, non-governmental organizations and civil society entities in New York, and requests that such activities be continued and further strengthened;

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-first Session, Supplement No. 31* (A/61/31).

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4. *Notes with particular appreciation* the University's support of scholars and academic institutions in developing countries and the countries with economies in transition, including in particular young scholars, through its research and capacity and network development activities, highly appreciates the efforts of the University and its research and training centres and programmes in expanding their cooperative networks of institutions, academic associations and individual scholars worldwide and in developing innovative interdisciplinary programmes that produce concrete outcomes, and encourages the University to further expand those efforts;

5. *Welcomes* the diversification of the University's budgetary sources, and encourages the international community to provide voluntary contributions in order to ensure a sound funding base for the activities of the University;

6. *Notes with interest* the signing of the agreement to establish a new research and training centre, the United Nations University — International Institute for Global Health, in Kuala Lumpur, and encourages the University to continue its efforts to expand and strengthen its network of research and training centres and programmes in furtherance of the needs of developing countries;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to encourage other bodies of the United Nations system to utilize more fully the capacity of the University for mobilizing a worldwide network of researchers to assist the United Nations, through research and capacity development programmes, in resolving pressing global problems;

8. *Requests* the University to make renewed efforts to identify the critical areas where University research is most needed by other United Nations organizations and to carry out research that yields effective outcomes contributing to policymaking in the United Nations system, and encourages the University to disseminate the outcome of its research more widely and to make it available in a readily accessible form;

9. *Appreciates* the efforts made by the University to streamline and improve the administrative management at its headquarters in Japan, requests that such reform measures be continued to increase the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the University's operations, and appreciates equally the renewed efforts of the University to implement its projects in an efficient and cost-effective manner in order to make the best use of the limited resources placed at the disposal of the University;

10. *Takes note* of the full integration of activities of the United Nations University-Institute for New Technologies with the Maastricht Economic Research Institute on Innovation and Technology of Maastricht University and the subsequent renaming of the Institute as the United Nations University-Maastricht Economic and Social Research and Training Centre on Innovation and Technology;

11. *Takes note*, in particular, of the progress made by the University in forging cooperative links with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat related to the Water Virtual Learning Centre and with the Department of Political Affairs of the Secretariat in relation to the research of the United Nations University-Comparative Regional Integration Studies on comparative regional integration;

12. *Takes note with appreciation* of the University's contributions to the World Conference on Disaster Reduction, held in Kobe, Japan, from 18 to 22 January 2005 and to the World Summit on the Information Society, held in Tunis from 16 to 18 November 2005;

13. *Also takes note* of the planned external evaluation of the University after its thirtieth year of operation in the framework of its quality assurance procedures, and requests that the evaluation, which is to commence in early 2007, be undertaken to thoroughly review how and to what extent the University and its activities have met the original mission assigned to the University and be used as a means to strengthen the University's role as a think tank for the United Nations system;

14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session the sub-item entitled "United Nations University".

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Groups of countries in special situations: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

South Africa:* draft resolution

Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Brussels Declaration[1] and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,[2]

Recalling also the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[3] in particular paragraph 15 thereof, in which the Heads of State and Government undertook to address the special needs of the least developed countries,

Recalling further its resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003 on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields,

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[4]

Recalling also its resolution 60/228 of 23 December 2005,

Reaffirming its resolution 60/265 of 30 June 2006 on the follow-up to the development outcome of the 2005 World Summit, including the Millennium Development Goals and other internationally agreed development goals,

Taking note of the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the 2004 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council on the theme "Resources mobilization and enabling environment for poverty eradication in the

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

1 A/CONF.191/13, chap. I.

2 Ibid., chap. II.

3 See resolution 55/2.

4 See resolution 60/1.

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context of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010",[5]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[6]

2. *Reaffirms* its commitment to the Declaration[7] adopted by Heads of State and Government and heads of delegations participating in the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010, in which they recommitted themselves to addressing the special needs of the least developed countries by making progress towards the goals of poverty eradication, peace and development;

3. *Acknowledges* the conclusions of the midterm comprehensive global review, which stressed that despite some progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,[5] the overall socio-economic situation in the least developed countries continues to be precarious and requires attention and that, given current trends, many least developed countries are unlikely to achieve the goals and objectives set out in the Programme of Action;

4. *Stresses* that the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, can be effectively achieved in the least developed countries through the timely fulfilment of the seven commitments of the Programme of Action;

5. *Reaffirms* that the Programme of Action constitutes a fundamental framework for a strong global partnership, whose goal is to accelerate sustained economic growth, sustainable development and poverty eradication in the least developed countries;

6. *Also reaffirms* that progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action will require effective implementation of national policies and priorities for the sustained economic growth and sustainable development of the least developed countries, as well as strong and committed partnership between the least developed countries and their development partners;

7. *Underscores* that for the further implementation of the Programme of Action, the least developed countries and their development partners must be guided by, inter alia, an integrated approach, a genuine global partnership for development, country ownership and results-oriented actions;

8. *Urges* the least developed countries to strengthen the implementation of the Programme of Action through their respective national development framework, including, where they exist, poverty reduction strategy papers, the common country assessment and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework;

9. *Calls upon* development partners to increase their financial and technical support for the implementation of the Programme of Action with a view to addressing the challenges and constraints identified by the least developed countries

[5] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/59/3), chap. III, para. 49.

[6] A/61/82-E/2006/74 and A/61/82/Corr.1-E/2006/74/Add.1.

[7] See resolution 61/1.

and as contained in the Cotonou Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,[*]

10. *Encourages* the United Nations resident coordinator system to assist the least developed countries in translating goals and targets of the Programme of Action into concrete actions in accordance with the national development strategies and priorities of the least developed countries;

11. *Invites* the organizations of the United Nations system and other multilateral organizations that have not yet done so to mainstream the implementation of the Brussels Declaration and the Programme of Action within their programmes of work as well as in their intergovernmental processes and to undertake within their respective mandates multi-year programming of actions in favour of the least developed countries;

12. *Encourages* the United Nations resident coordinator system and country teams, as well as country-level representatives of the Bretton Woods institutions, bilateral and multilateral donors and other development partners to collaborate with and provide support to the national development forums and national follow-up mechanisms for the implementation of the Programme of Action at the national, subregional, regional and global levels;

13. *Stresses*, within the context of the annual global reviews, as envisaged in the Programme of Action, the need to assess the implementation of the Programme of Action sector by sector, and in this regard invites the United Nations system and all relevant international organizations, consistent with their respective mandates, to undertake sectoral appraisals of the Programme of Action, to report on the progress made in its implementation using quantifiable criteria and indicators to be measured against the goals and targets of the Programme of Action and to participate fully in reviews of the Programme of Action at the national, subregional, regional and global levels;

14. *Also stresses* the crucial importance of integrated and coordinated follow-up, monitoring and reporting for the effective implementation of the Programme of Action at the national, subregional, regional and global levels;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure, at the Secretariat level, the full mobilization and coordination of all parts of the United Nations system to facilitate coordinated implementation as well as coherence in the follow-up to and monitoring and review of the Programme of Action at the national, subregional, regional and global levels, including through such coordination mechanisms as the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, the United Nations Development Group, the Executive Committee on Economic and Social Affairs and the Inter-agency Task Force on the Millennium Development Goals;

16. *Reiterates* its invitation to the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, and other relevant multilateral organizations, to provide full support to and cooperation with the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States;

[*] A/61/117, annex I.

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to elaborate and submit to the General Assembly at its sixty-second session a detailed and clearly defined advocacy strategy on the effective and timely implementation of the Programme of Action;

18. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit an annual analytical and results-oriented progress report on the further implementation of the Programme of Action and to provide the resources necessary for the preparation of such a report.